

Application no. 10/723,256
Amendment dated: September 22, 2006
Reply to office action dated: June 26, 2006

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. By this paper, claims 1 and 11 are proposed to be amended. Entry of this amendment in order to place the application into condition for allowance is respectfully requested.

During with a telephone interview on September 20, 2006, the final rejection of the claims was discussed. Specifically, it was pointed out that the cited reference, U.S. patent number 4,264,872 to Suzuki ("Suzuki"), does not include all features of the presently claimed invention defined by claims 1 and 11. No other art or claims were discussed. Agreement was not reached but the examiner proposed that an amendment clarifying the connection of the recited capacitor to the remainder of the circuit would improve the patentability of the independent claims. In a follow-up interview on September 21, 2006, it was proposed to amend the claims as herein. The examiner agreed to consider this amendment after final rejection.

Accordingly, by this paper, claims 1 and 11 are proposed to be amended in a manner to distinguish the cited prior art and to clearly recite the claimed subject matter. Entry of this amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner desire a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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